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LETTER DATED 5 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that, having virtually completed their occupation of the highland part of Karabakh and the Kelbajar and Lachin districts of Azerbaijan, Armenian armed forces are extending their aggression to the north-west and south of Nagorny Karabakh.

According to available reports, in recent days there has been a considerable build-up of military units and matériel in the Krasnoselsk district of Armenia. All the evidence points to the preparation of a new violation of the State frontier in the north-west of Azerbaijan in the direction of Gianja, which, with a population of 300,000, is the second largest city of Azerbaijan. The districts of Kedabek, Khanlar, Geranboy and Shamkhor situated in this area now also face the threat of invasion.

At the same time, the Armenian offensive to the south-east of Nagorny Karabakh - towards the district centre Fizuli - is being expanded. The town and its surrounding villages are being subjected to an uninterrupted and intense rocket artillery bombardment from districts of Nagorny Karabakh occupied by Armenian armed forces. According to the latest information, there is fierce fighting 5 kilometres from the town.

This is clear evidence of the territorial expansion of the Republic of Armenia, which is threatening the very survival of the Azerbaijani State.

In this connection, I wish to request you, on behalf of my Government, to use all the means at your disposal to avert further aggression by the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijani Republic, and to prevent the further killing of civilians, old people, women and children.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan HASSANOV
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